

I CLAIM:

1. A positioning assembly for positioning a container on a platform, the container having a corner fitting, said positioning assembly comprising:

5 a first connecting rod having a platform-connecting end that is adapted to be connected to the platform, and a threaded end section that is opposite to said platform-connecting end;

 a second connecting rod having a coupling end
10 and a threaded end section that is opposite to said coupling end;

 an elongated adjusting member disposed between said first and second connecting rods and having two opposite threaded ends that threadedly and
15 respectively engage said threaded end sections of said first and second connecting rods so as to permit extension and retraction of said first and second connecting rods relative to said adjusting member;

 a third connecting rod that has a hook-
20 connecting end, and a pivot end opposite to said hook-connecting end and pivoted to said coupling end of said second connecting rod; and

 a hook member pivoted to said hook-connecting end of said third connecting rod and adapted to be
25 connected to the corner fitting of the container.

2. The positioning assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a pivot pin, said pivot end of said third

connecting rod being pivoted to said coupling end of
said second connecting rod through said pivot pin,
said coupling end of said second connecting rod being
U-shaped so as to define a recess therein, and being
5 formed with a first protrusion that protrudes
therefrom into said recess and that abuts against said
third connecting rod when said third connecting rod
is pivoted about said pivot pin in a clockwise
direction from an extended state, in which said second
10 and third connecting rods extend along a line and in
which said first protrusion is disconnected from said
third connecting rod, to a folded state, in which said
third connecting rod is angled away from said second
connecting rod to a predetermined extent.

15 3. The positioning assembly of Claim 2, wherein said
coupling end of said second connecting rod is formed
with a shoulder that projects therefrom into said
recess, said pivot end of said third connecting rod
being received in said recess and being formed with
20 a second protrusion that protrudes outwardly
therefrom and that engages said shoulder when said
third connecting rod is pivoted about said pivot pin
in a counterclockwise direction, thereby limiting
pivoting movement of said third connecting rod in said
25 counterclockwise direction.

4. The positioning assembly of Claim 3, wherein said
adjusting member includes a pair of parallel

supporting rods, each of which has two opposite ends,
each of said threaded ends of said adjusting member
interconnecting an adjacent pair of said ends of said
supporting rods, said positioning assembly further
5 comprising a spring-confining member that is in the
form of a nut member which threadedly engages said
threaded end section of said first connecting rod and
which is formed with two opposite grooves that
slidingly and fittingly receive said supporting rods,
10 respectively, said positioning assembly further
comprising a compression spring that is disposed
between and that abuts against said spring-confining
member and an adjacent one of said threaded ends of
said adjusting member.

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